

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended, and claim 19 has been added. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-19 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2, and thus original claim 2 has been canceled. In addition, new dependent claim 19 has been added to recite a list of preferred materials for the epitaxial layer recited in claim 18. Support for this change can be found, for example, on page 4, lines 21-23 of the application. No new matter has been introduced, and therefore all amendments should be entered at this time.

In addition, submitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that includes a copy of a recently issued preliminary search report from a counterpart foreign application.

No fee is believed to be due for the claim amendments made herein. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account no. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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